

ELECTION OF CLAIMS/REMARKS

Claims 18-34 are currently pending in the application. Claims 18-34 are subject to restriction, with the claim species groupings as follows:

Group I: Claims 18 and 20-25, drawn to a process comprising oil treated cellulose fibers (162/158).

Group II: Claims 19 and 26-31, drawn to a process comprising oil treated superabsorbent material(162/158).

Group III: Claims 32-38, drawn to a method for producing oil treated fibers (8/116.1)

Applicant elects to prosecute **Group III**, Claims 32-38, drawn to a method for producing oil treated fibers. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.111, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the application.

Non-elected claims 18-31 are canceled without prejudice to any application for patent directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims that may be filed in the future.

CONCLUSION

In summary, Applicant elects to prosecute the Group III claims, Claims 32-38 in the instant application. Based upon the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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